

Remarks

Claims 1-8, 11, 13-14, 17 and 19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent number 5,956,744 (“Robertson”).

Claim 12 has been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the cited references do not disclose or suggest every element of any pending claim, as the following analysis shows.

Previous claim 12 was declared by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 12 depended from claim 11, which in turn depended from claim 1. The allowable subject matter of claim 12, as well as the limitations of claim 11, have been incorporated into independent claim 1. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled as now being redundant.

The allowable subject matter has also been incorporated into independent claims 13 and 17.

The remaining pending claims depend from independent claims 1, 13 and 17, and therefore contain the same limitations not disclosed or suggested by the cited reference.

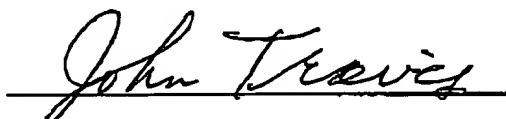
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of allowance by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible. If any fee insufficiency or overpayment is found, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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